

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

RECEIVED

APR 1 3 2004

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 6, 2004, please consider the **Remarks** that begin on page 2 of this paper.

142161.1 Page 1 of 6